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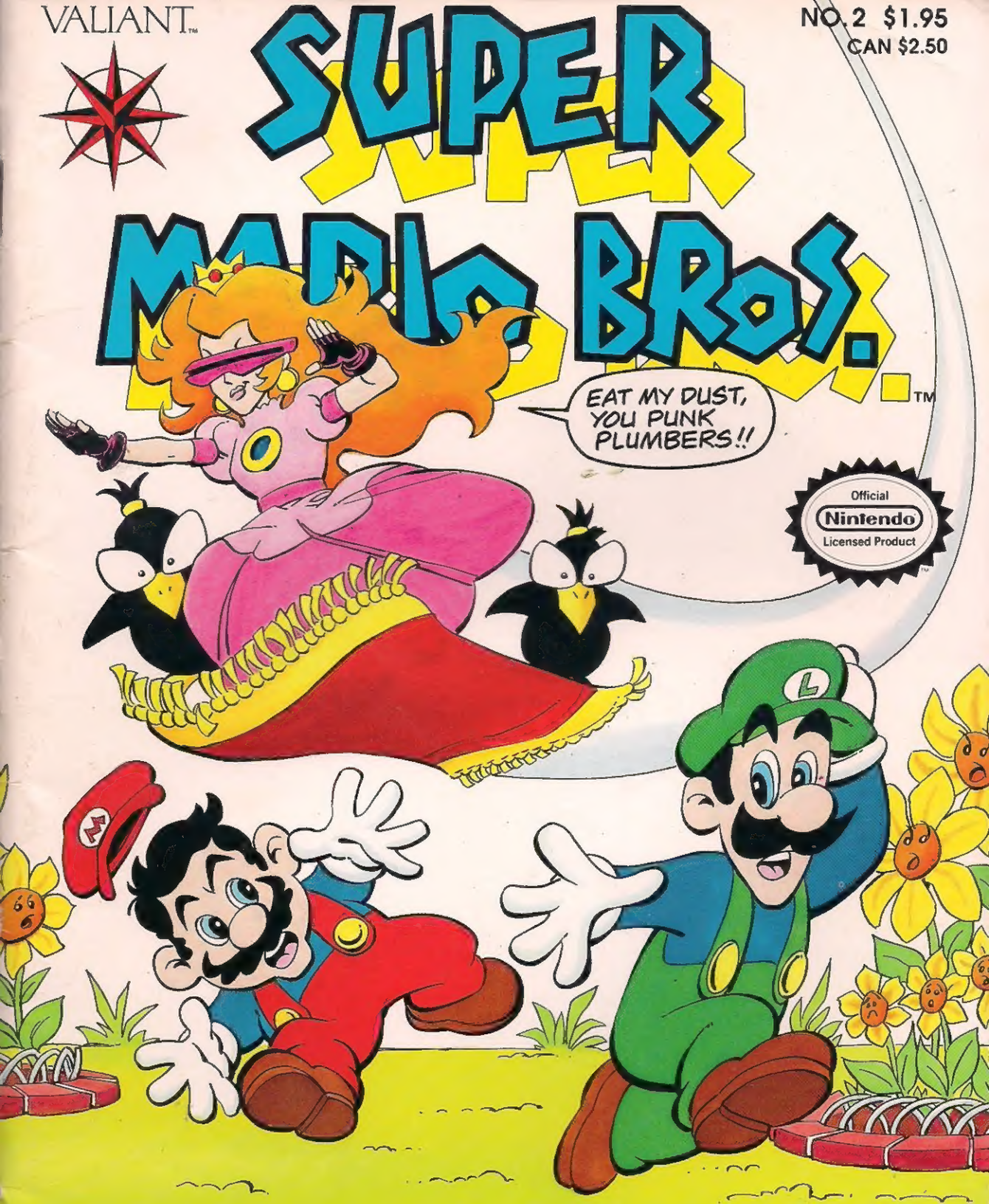

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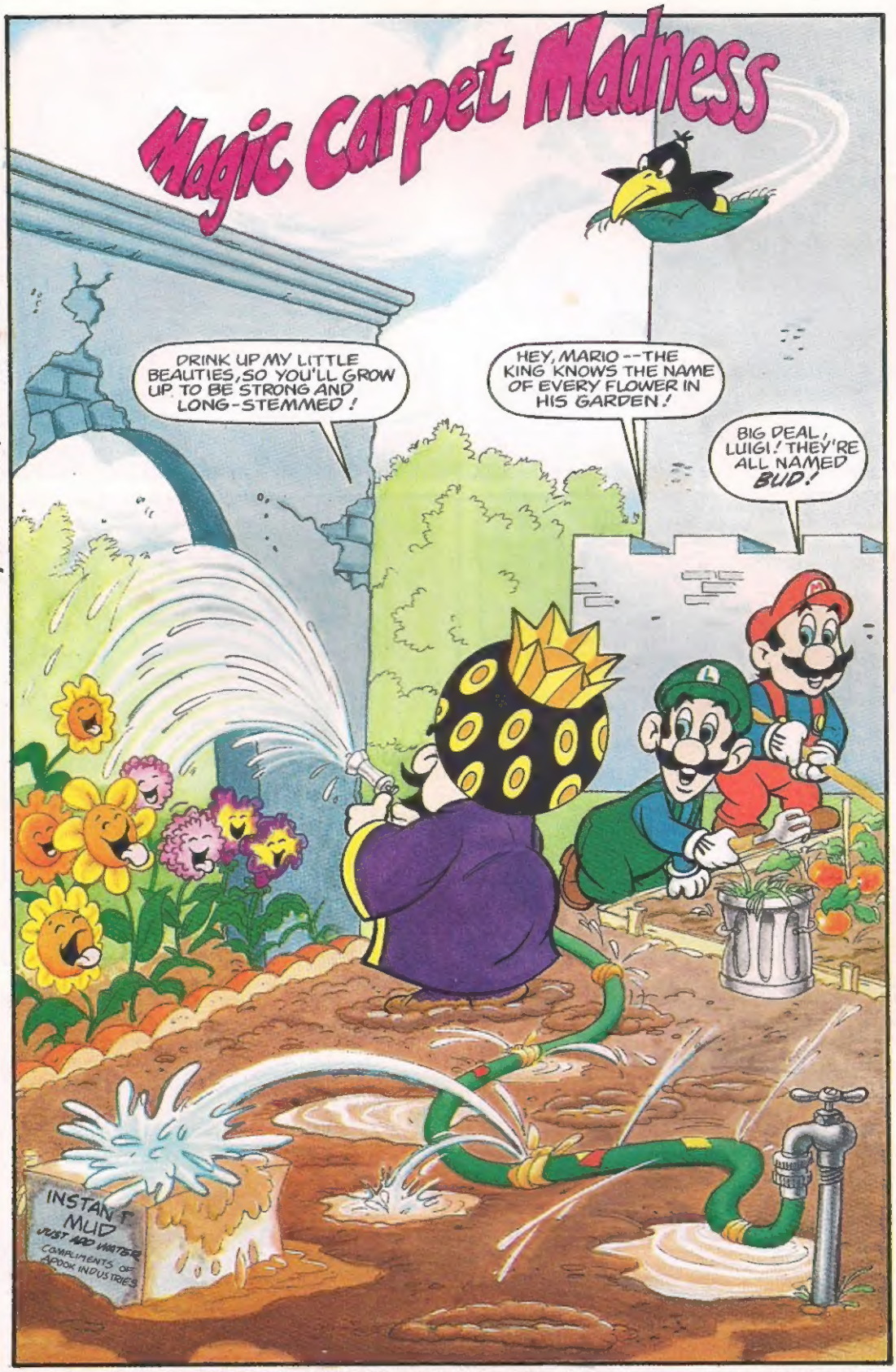
DRINK UP MY LITTLE BEAUTIES, SO YOU'LL GROW UP TO BE STRONG AND LONG-STEMMED!
HEY, MARIO--THE KING KNOWS THE NAME OF EVERY FLOWER IN HIS GARDEN!
BIG DEAL, LUIGI! THEY'RE ALL NAMED BUD!
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JUST ADD WATER
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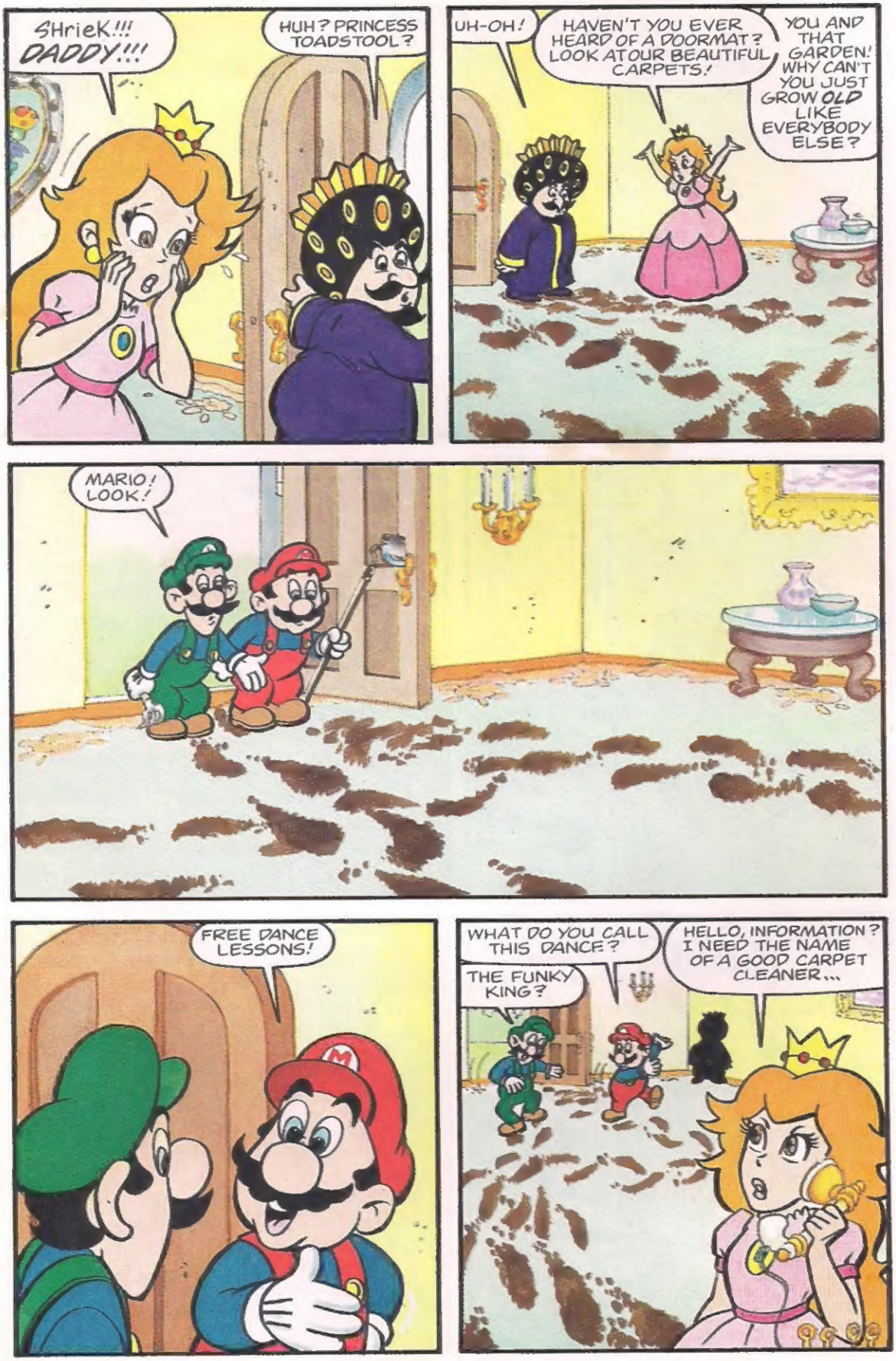
RINNGG RINNGGG
DRAT! THE PHONE!
UH OH! LOOKS LIKE RAIN...
FEELS LIKE RAIN...
GOOD THING WE'RE MUSH-ROOMS!
R:NNNNGGGG
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I'M COMING!
WHY DOES THE PHONE ALWAYS RING WHEN I'M BUSY?
SQUOOSH
SQUOOSH
SQUOOSH
HELLO? HELLO?
IS YOUR REFRIGERATOR RUNNING? BETTER GO AND CATCH IT.!!
GRRRRRR.!!
SLAM
CLICK
OWW! THAT SMARTS! BUT IT WAS WORTH IT, HEH-HEH!


SHrieK!!!
DADDY!!!
HUH? PRINCESS TOADSTOOL?
UH-OH!
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF A DOORMAT? LOOK AT OUR BEAUTIFUL CARPETS!
YOU AND THAT GARDEN! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST GROW OLD LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE?
MARIO! LOOK!
FREE DANCE LESSONS!
WHAT DO YOU CALL THIS DANCE?
THE FUNKY KING?
HELLO, INFORMATION? I NEED THE NAME OF A GOOD CARPET CLEANER...

LATER, THAT AFTERNOON...
THIS IS THE PLACE!
APOK CARPET CLEANERS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH MART ENTERPRISES
SCREECH
COME ON! WE'VE GOT A CARPET TO CLEAN!
CHARGE!
WHAT IF IT'S A CHOKE! WALL-TO-WALL CARPET?
GREAT! JUST IN TIME!
...LEFT FOOT RIGHT FOOT, HOP-HOP-HOP!
THIS WAY, GANG. IF IT LOOKS LIKE A CARPET --CLEAN IT!
DIBS ON THE SHAG!
DIBS ON THE PERSIAN RUG!
LOOK! FREE DANCE LESSONS!
OKAY! LET'ER RIP!
SQUIRT
AND NOW...THE BUBBLE-BATH BOOGALOO!!
MEANWHILE...
MY LITTLE GUYS MUST ALMOST BE FINISHED SHAMPOOING THE RUG! HEE HEE!! NOW IT'S TIME TO ADD THE CONDITIONER!
FLYING CARPET JUICE
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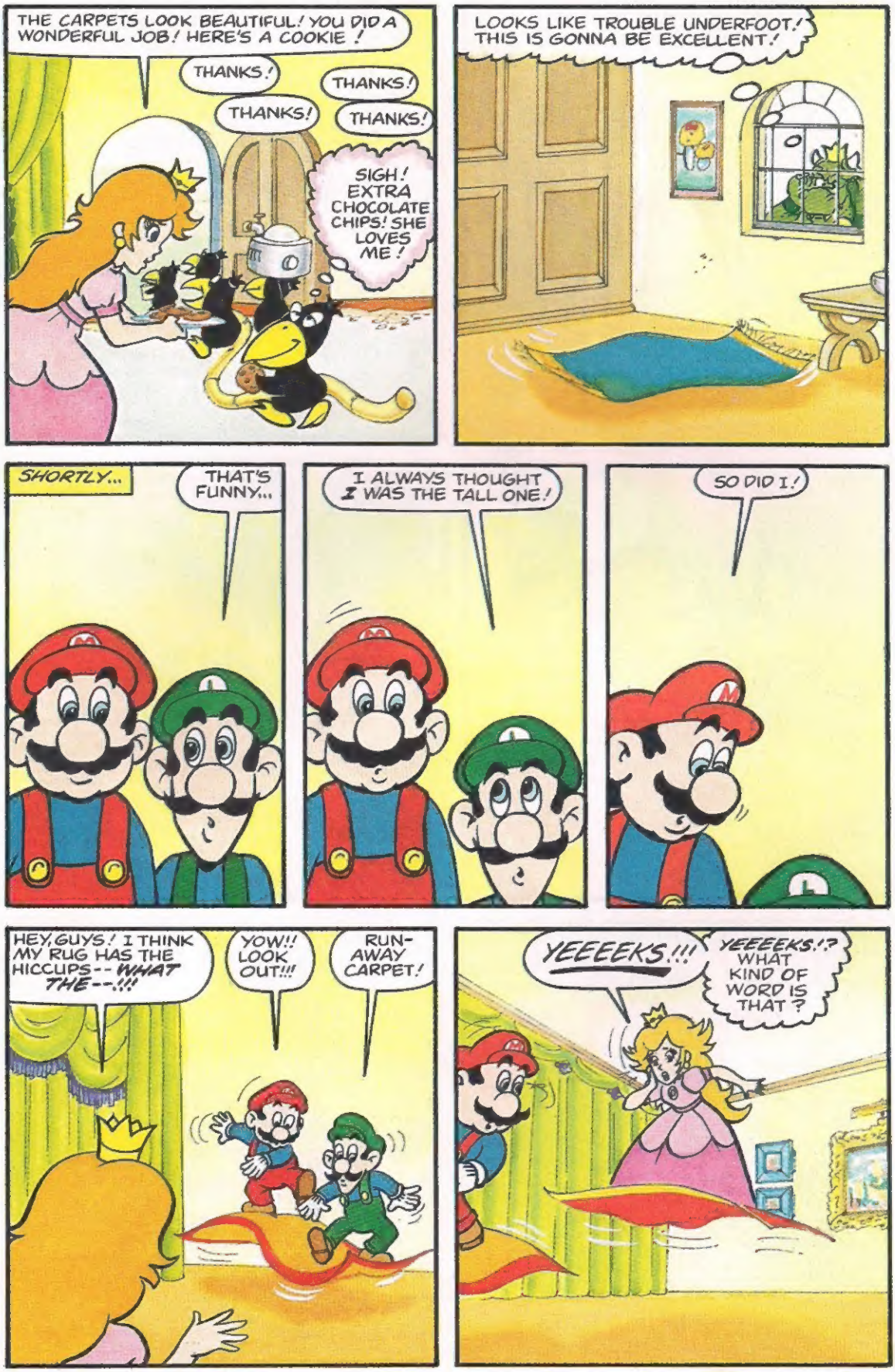
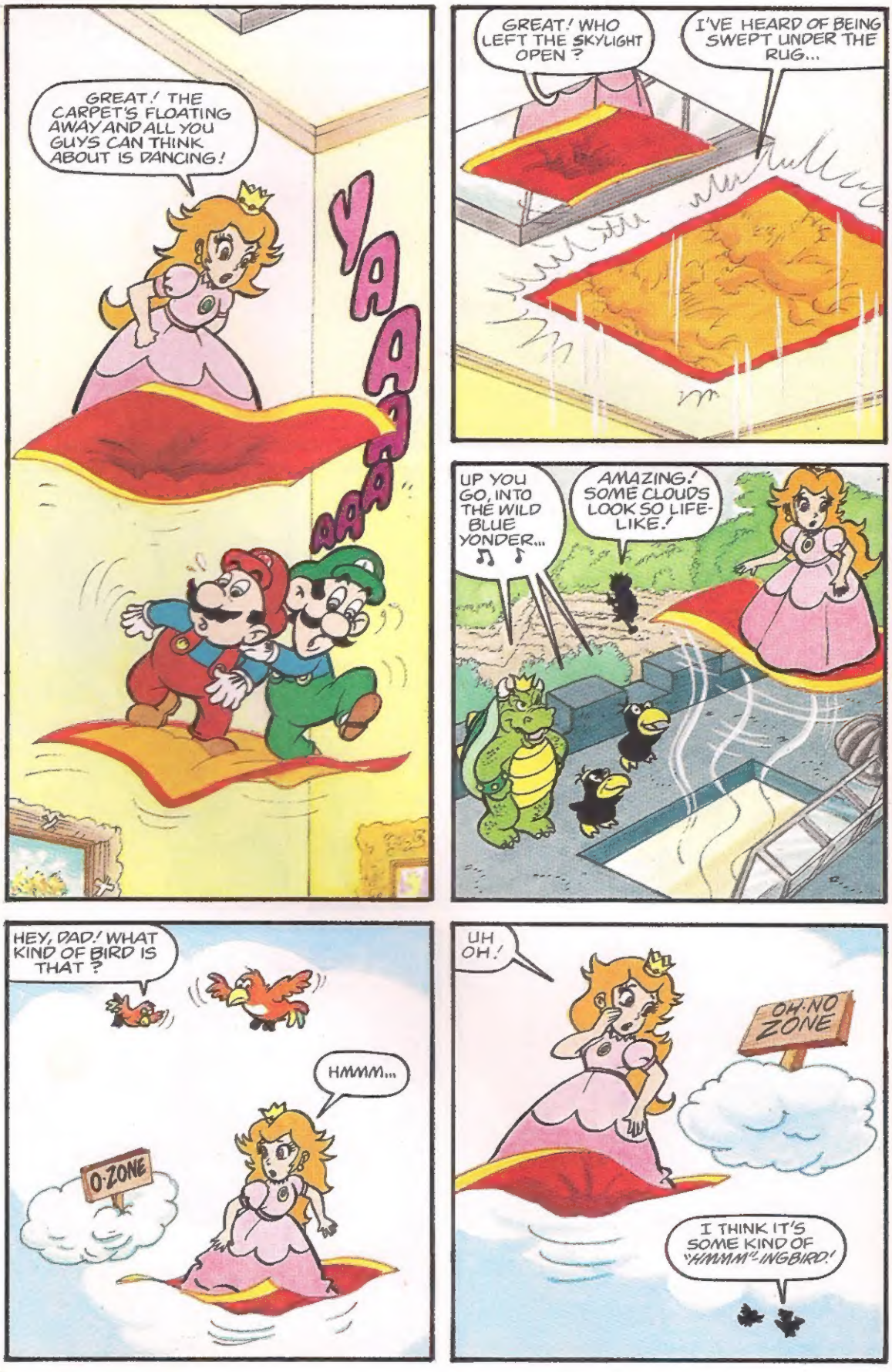
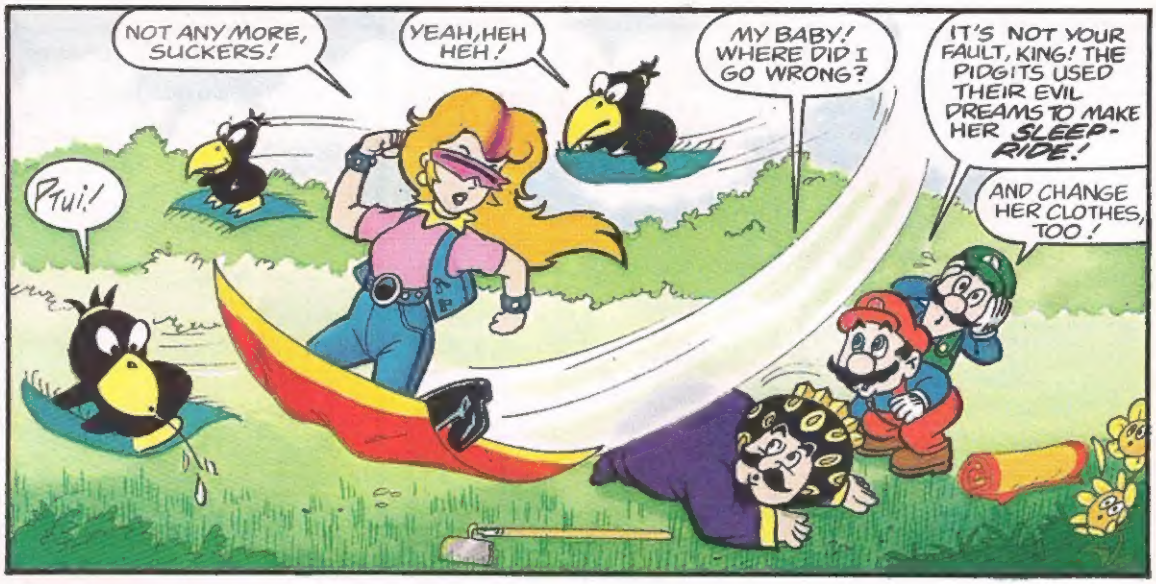

THE CARPETS LOOK BEAUTIFUL! YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB! HERE'S A COOKIE!
THANKS!
THANKS!
THANKS!
THANKS!
SIGH! EXTRA CHOCOLATE CHIPS! SHE LOVES ME!
LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE UNDERFOOT! THIS IS GONNA BE EXCELLENT!
SHORTLY...
THAT'S FUNNY...
I ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS THE TALL ONE!
SO DID I!
HEY, GUYS! I THINK MY RUG HAS THE HICCUPS--WHAT THE--!!!
YOW!! LOOK OUT!!!
RUN-AWAY CARPET!
YEEEEKS!!!
YEEEEKS!? WHAT KIND OF WORD IS THAT?


GREAT! THE CARPET'S FLOATING AWAY AND ALL YOU GUYS CAN THINK ABOUT IS DANCING!
YAAAAAAAAA
GREAT! WHO LEFT THE SKYLIGHT OPEN ?
I'VE HEARD OF BEING SWEPT UNDER THE RUG...
UP YOU GO, INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER...
AMAZING! SOME CLOUDS LOOK SO LIFE-LIKE!
HEY, DAD! WHAT KIND OF BIRD IS THAT ?
HMMM...
O-ZONE
UH OH!
OH-NO ZONE
I THINK IT'S SOME KIND OF "HMMM"-INGBIRD!

OH, %#@*!!!
KOOPA ZONE
OH, DOUBLE %#@!:#.!!!
AT LAST! THE GIRL OF OUR DREAMS! EVIL DREAMS, THAT IS...
YOU ARE GETTING SLEEPY...
DON'T WORRY, LUIGI! THIS LITTLE GADGET WILL GET US OUT OF HERE!
WHAT IS IT? A CARPET-CUTTER?
NOPE...
WHRRRRR
POCKET VACUUM CLEANER!
AGAIN... YAAAA!!
I MUST REMEMBER TO TELL MARIO ABOUT THAT AMAZING CLOUD I SAW!
RED ALERT, YOUR GREEN-THUMBINESS!!!
HUFF! PUFF! THE PRINCESS HAS FLOATED AWAY!
SHE'S PROBABLY IN THE KOOPA-ZONE BY NOW!


NOT ANY MORE, SUCKERS!
YEAH, HEH HEH!
MY BABY! WHERE DID I GO WRONG?
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KING! THE PIDGITS USED THEIR EVIL DREAMS TO MAKE HER SLEEP-RIDE!
AND CHANGE HER CLOTHES, TOO!
Ptui!

GET OUT OF THE AIR, BIRD-BRAIN! YOU'RE CRAMPIN' MY CARPET!
SQUAWK

PUNK TEEN-AGER!
WE'VE GOT TO WAKE HER UP!
GREAT! KNOW WHERE WE CAN GET A FLYING ALARM CLOCK?

I'VE GOT TO SIT DOWN AND THINK ABOUT THIS...
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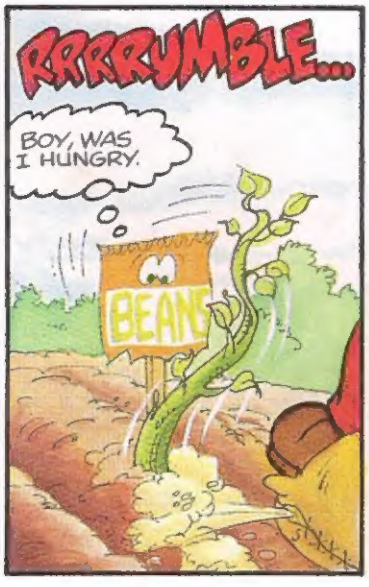
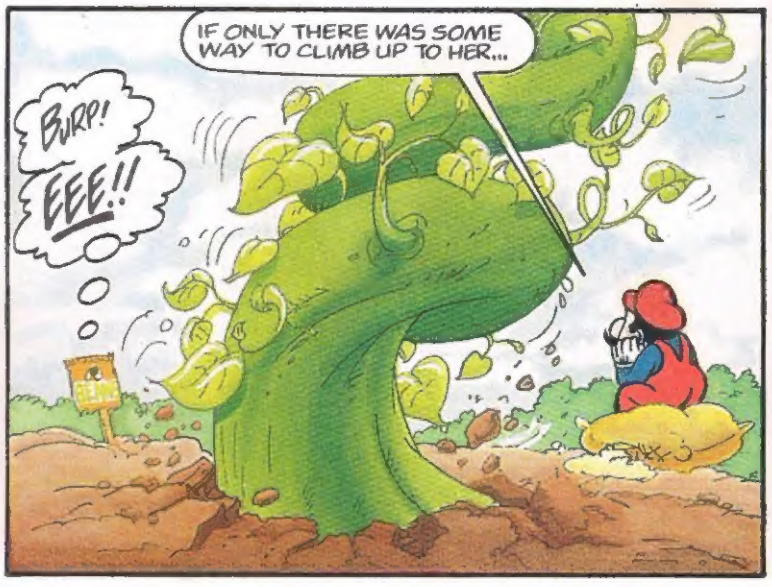
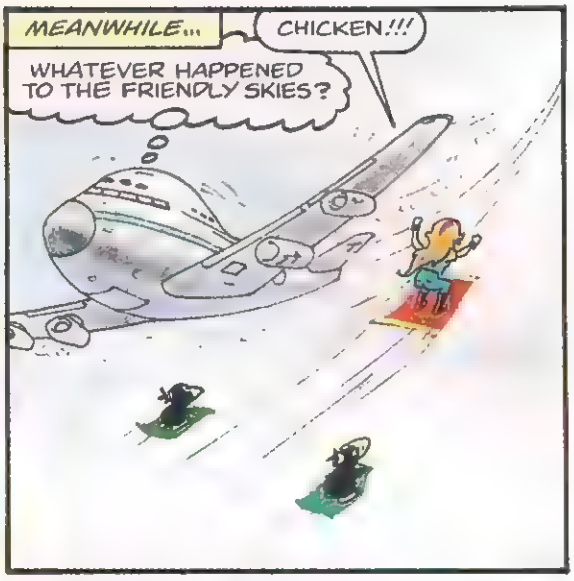
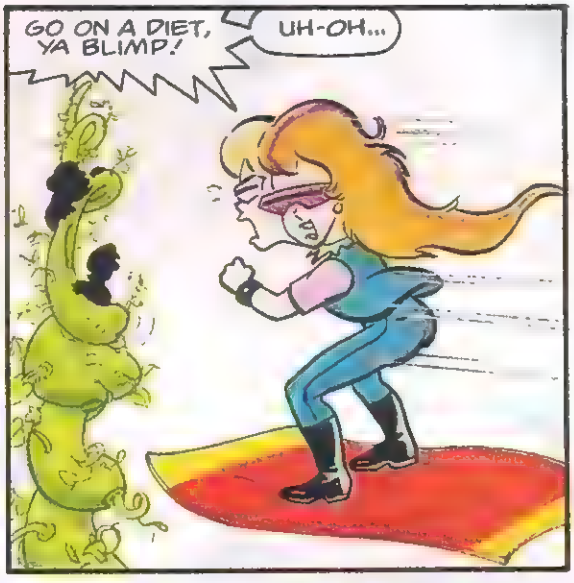

KRRRUMBLE...
BOY, WAS I HUNGRY.
BEANS


IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO CLIMB UP TO HER...
BURP!
EEE!!

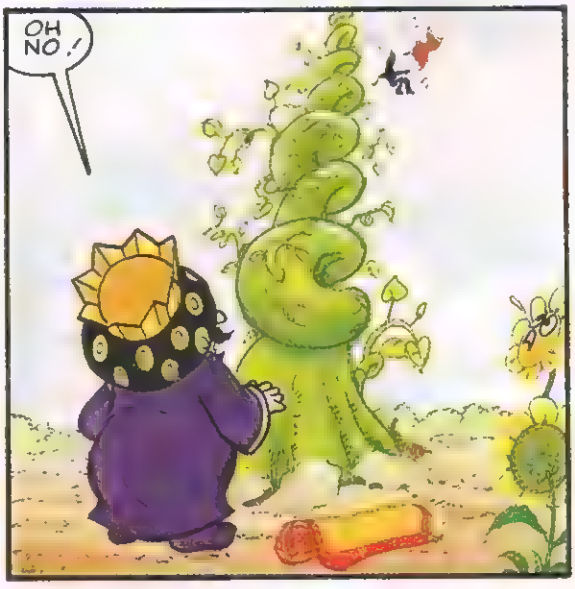
COME ON, MARIO! LAST ONE UP IS A JOLLY GREEN GIANT!
NO FAIR!
AH! THE BEANS ARE COMING IN NICELY THIS YEAR!


MEANWHILE...
CHICKEN!!!
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE FRIENDLY SKIES?

UH OH! ISN'T THAT...
I CAN'T LOOK!
BAD·YEAR


GO ON A DIET, YA BLIMP!
UH-OH...

SPLAT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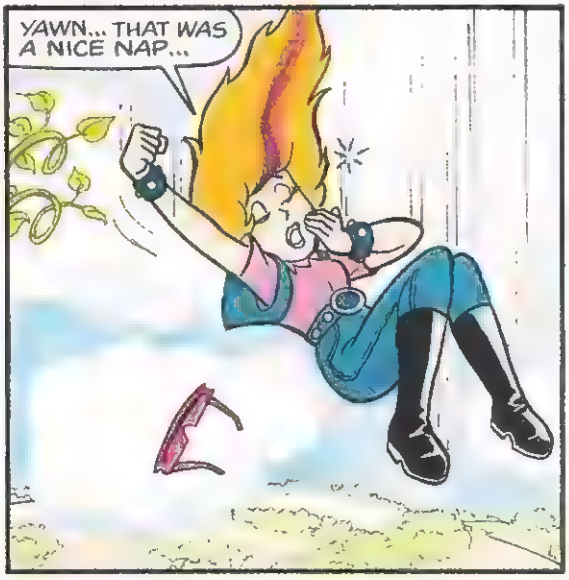
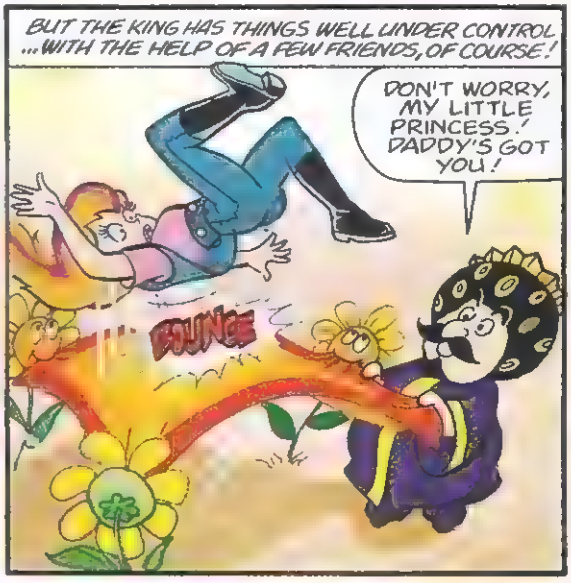
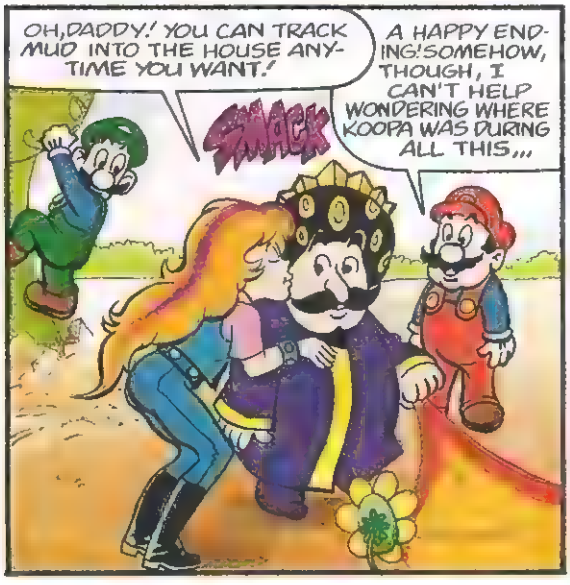

YAWN... THAT WAS A NICE NAP...

WHERE ARE MY SLIPPERS...? ULP! WHERE'S THE FLOOR?!

WE CAN'T LOOK!


BUT THE KING HAS THINGS WELL UNDER CONTROL ...WITH THE HELP OF A FEW FRIENDS, OF COURSE!
DON'T WORRY, MY LITTLE PRINCESS! DADDY'S GOT YOU!
BOUNCE


OH, DADDY! YOU CAN TRACK MUD INTO THE HOUSE ANYTIME YOU WANT!
SMACK
A HAPPY ENDING! SOMEHOW, THOUGH, I CAN'T HELP WONDERING WHERE KOOPA WAS DURING ALL THIS...

WAH! MY BLIMP!... Sniff! PUNK TEENAGERS!
YEAR
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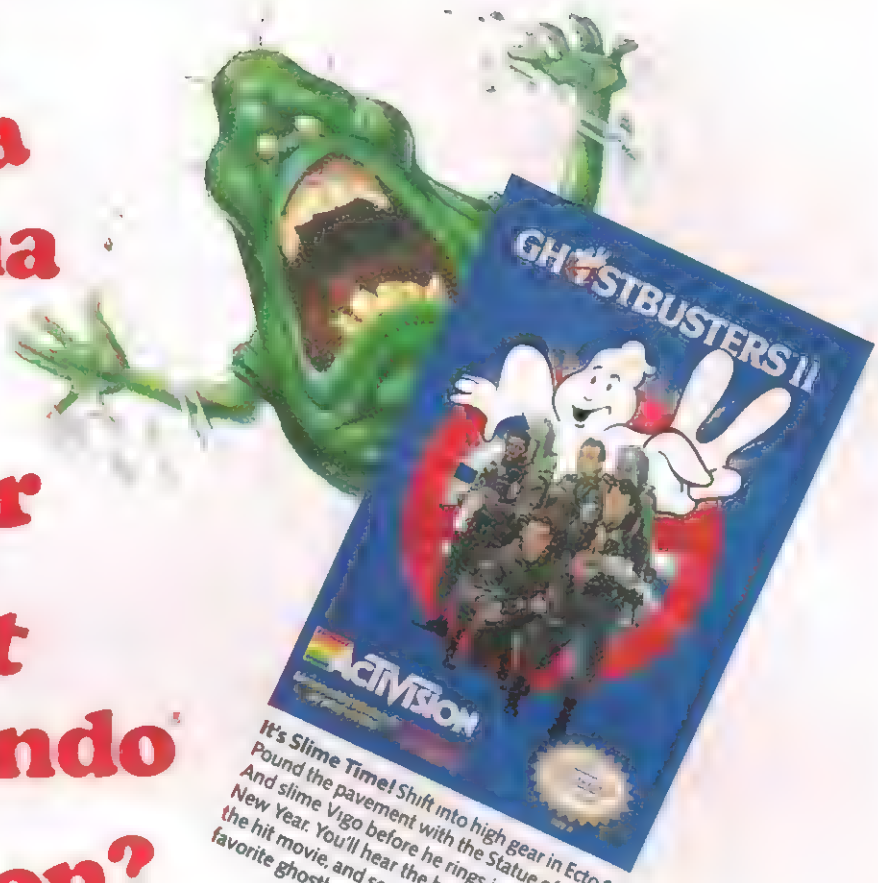

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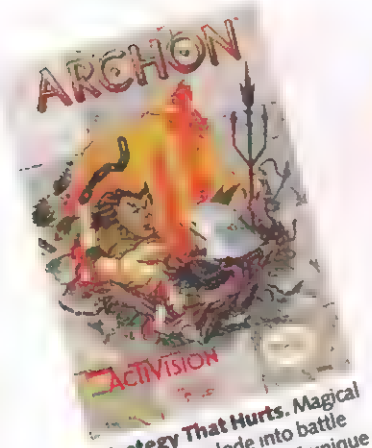

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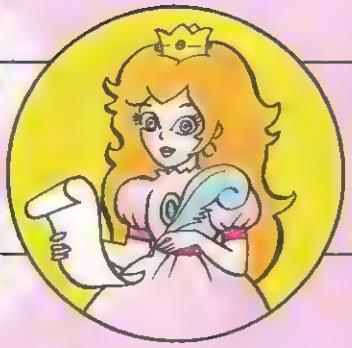


Dear Princess Toadstool

By John Walker, J. Jackson

Dear Princess Toadstool,

I'm a pretty neat guy for a fella made of snow. My shoes are always shined, my shirt is always tucked in. Even my hair is perfect. But, I can't walk down the street without some clown yelling, "Hey Frosty! Nice dandruff!" or "Can I buy you 'Head and Shoulders,' sno-cone?"

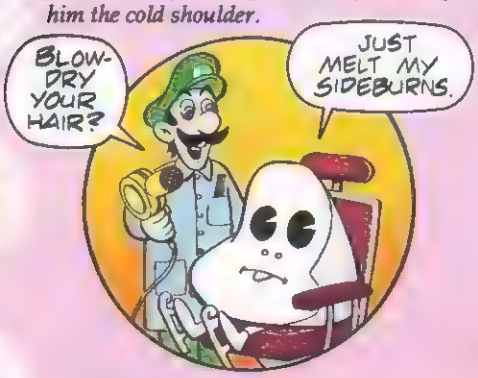
Don't they understand? I'm a snowman! Those speckles on my shoulders aren't dandruff flakes--they're snowflakes!

How can I clean up this mess?

Sincerely,
Flurry
Mushroomland

Dear Flurry:

I really had to scratch my head over this one, but here's what I think. Your real friends will ignore your dandruff...oops, I mean snowflakes. And, if a stranger insults you, just give him the cold shoulder.



Dear Princess Toadstool,

We hope you won't think we're hogging all the advice, but we have three questions.

Number One: We know we're not the handsomest guys in the world. Do you think cosmetic surgery might help?

Number Two: Although we're not very good-looking now, things may improve... so how about dinner next Thursday?

Number Three: Last, if we take a princess to dinner and a movie, are we expected to pay for popcorn, too?

Sincerely,
Tryclyde

Dear Tryclyde:

Let me answer each of your heads--er, questions--separately.

Answer number one: Maybe.

Answer number two: No.

Answer number three: Yes, but no thanks--times THREE!

Dear Princess Toadstool,

I don't have a problem, but everyone else does!!

If I go to a party, somebody calls the bomb squad. If I get a flat tire, some jerk always yells, "Hey, why don't you just blow it up?" And then I blow up!

But, hey, I'm a bomb! It's my nature. How can I get people (and mushrooms) to accept me for what I am?!

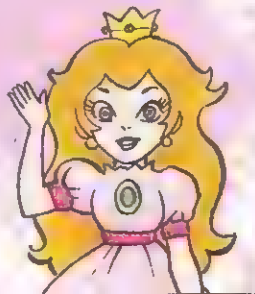
Sincerely,
Bob-Omb

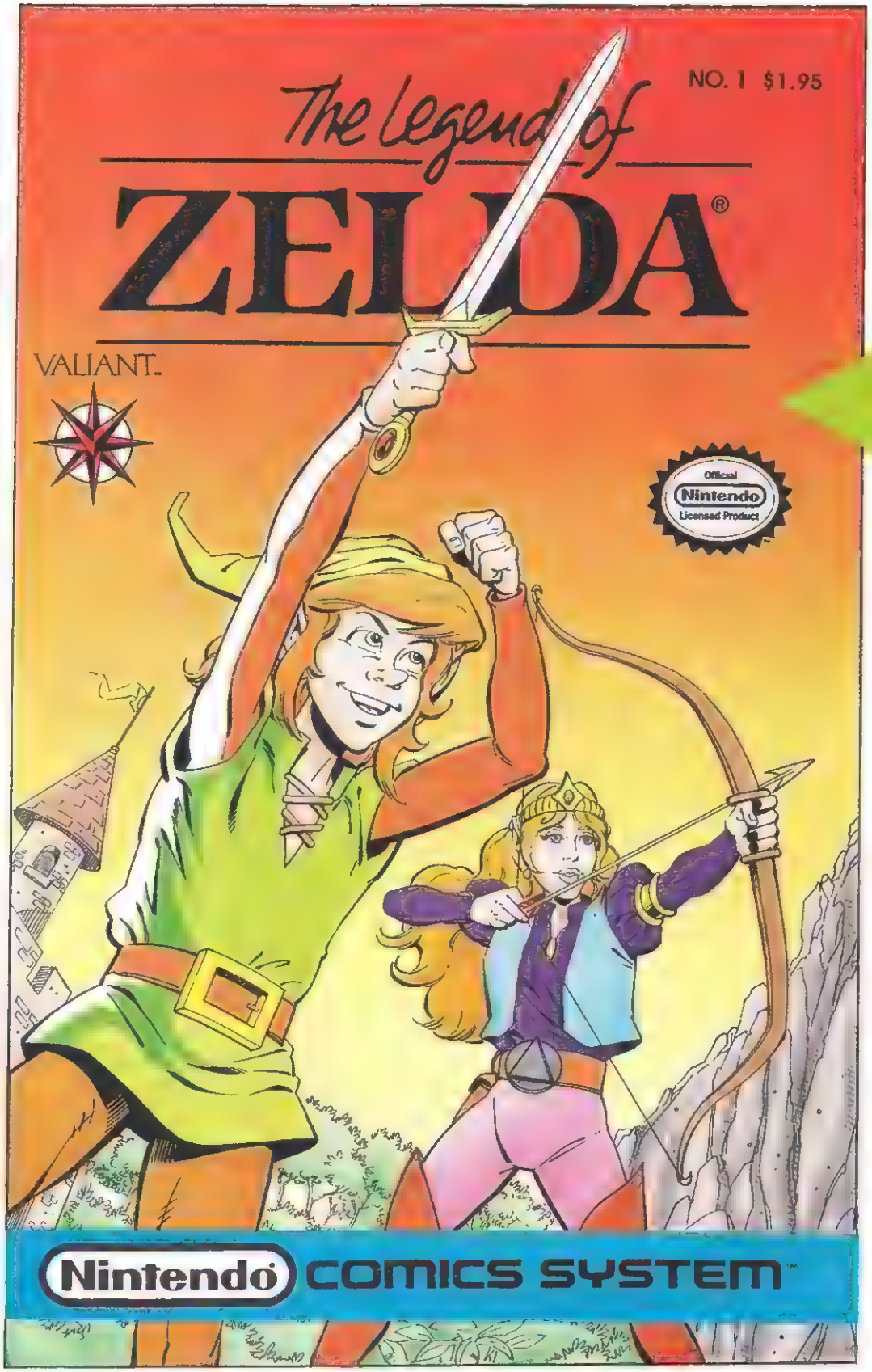
P.S. If I don't like your answer, I'm going to EXPLODE!

Dear Bob-Omb:

Sheesh, don't blow this out of proportion! Have you considered having a longer fuse installed? And if you ever feel a real explosion coming on, relaxing in any convenient body of water will work wonders.

Remember Princess Toadstool tackles your tough topics with total truthfulness! Till next time...toodle-oo!





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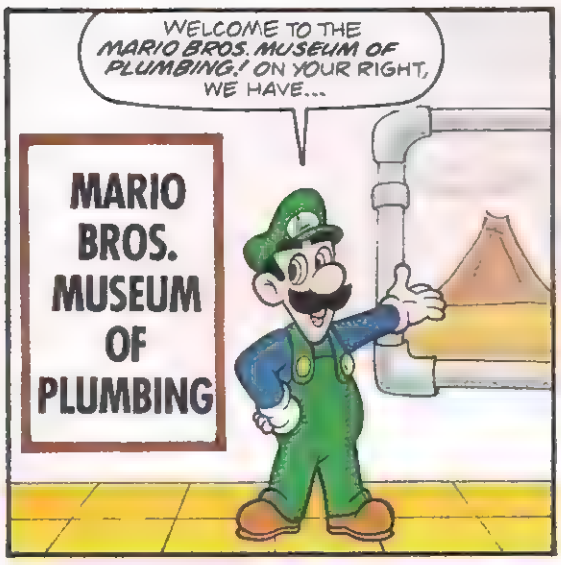
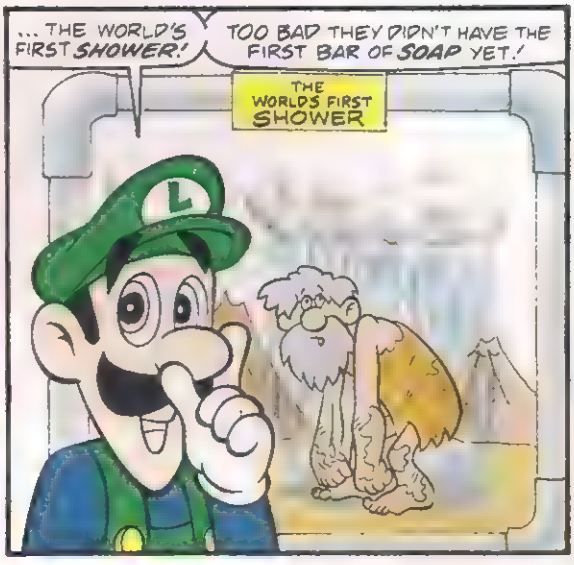
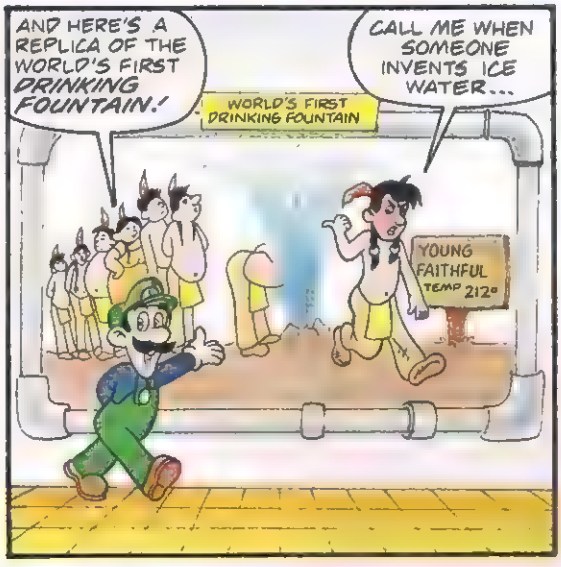
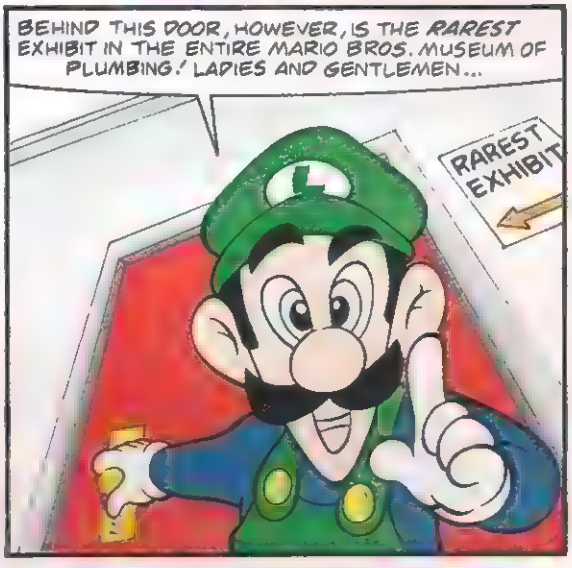





AND HERE'S A REPLICA OF THE WORLD'S FIRST DRINKING FOUNTAIN!
CALL ME WHEN SOMEONE INVENTS ICE WATER...
WORLD'S FIRST DRINKING FOUNTAIN
YOUNG FAITHFUL TEMP 212°


BEHIND THIS DOOR, HOWEVER, IS THE RAREST EXHIBIT IN THE ENTIRE MARIO BROS. MUSEUM OF PLUMBING! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...
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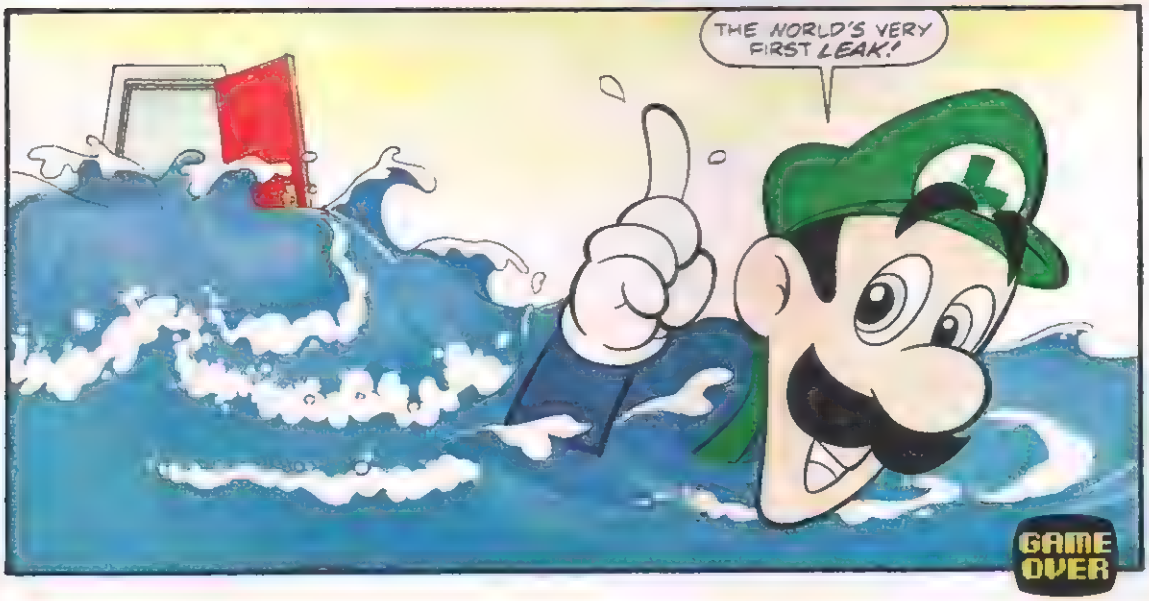

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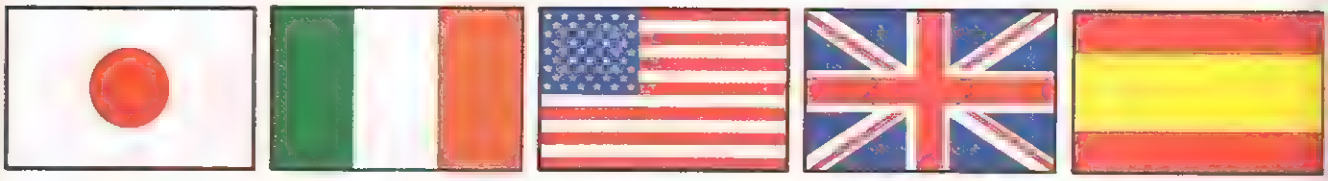

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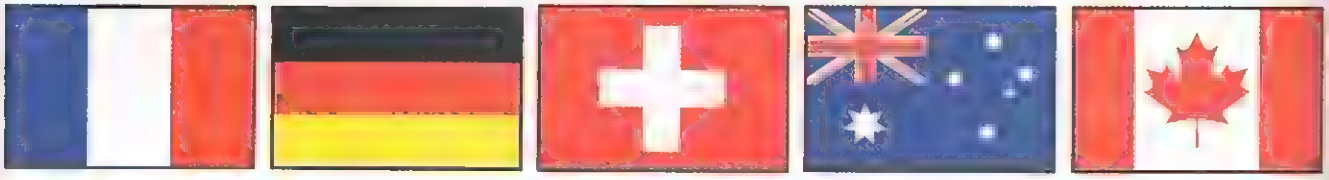


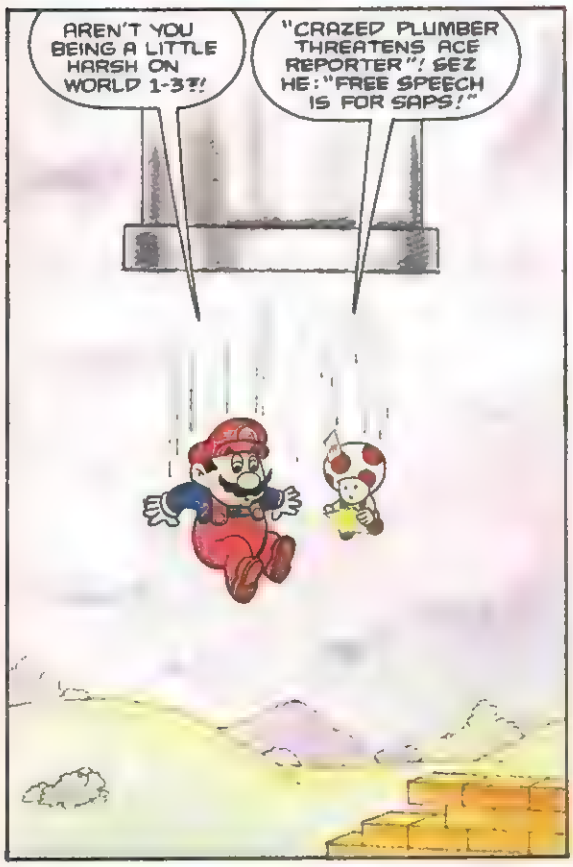
By Bill Valley, Mark McClellan, John Costanza, P. Zorito, Pat Brousseau, Andrea Brooks and The Gradations

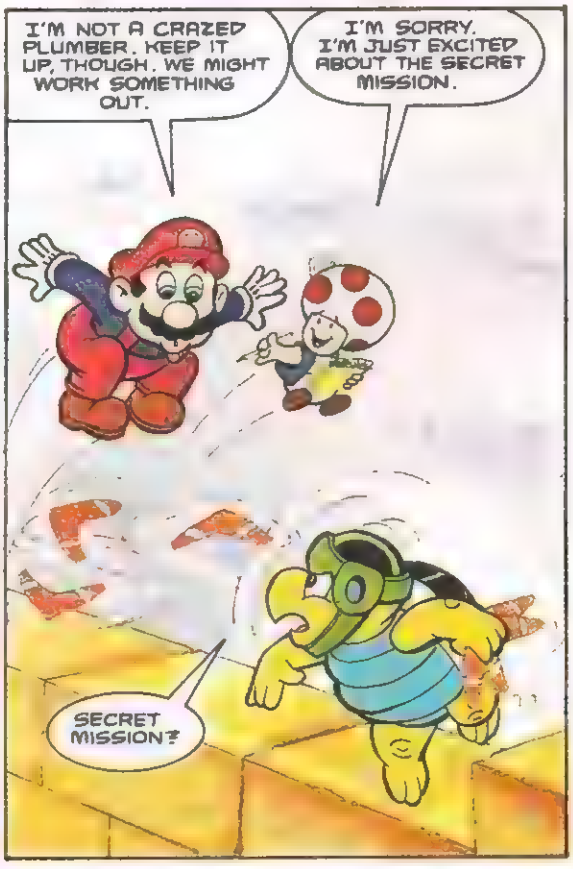
THE KINGDOM ENQUIRER
HEY, WOOSTER, GUESS WHAT I GOT?
O MASTER TOAD, NOT ANOTHER COFFEE TABLE BOOK?!
I LIKE READING ABOUT COFFEE TABLES! BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY MY GRADUATION PACKAGE--!
"THE APOOK CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND TRANSMISSION REPAIR." I AM NOT IMPRESSED.
WAS I EVER LUCKY TO BE ACCEPTED INTO SUCH A FINE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING.

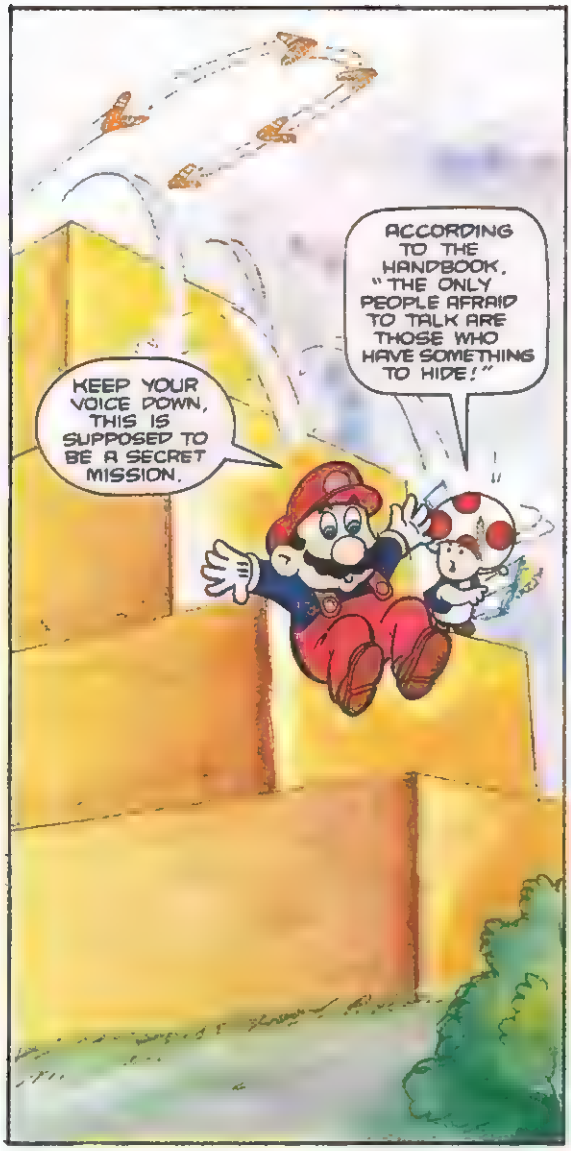
YOU READ ABOUT IT ON A MATCHBOOK COVER! THE CURRICULUM CONSISTED OF SENDING THEM A CHECK!
WHO CARES! NOW, I'M A FULL-FLEDGED CARD-CARRYING NEWS-PAPER REPORTER!
PRESS
MARIO, YOU REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT THIS MISSION IS...
HAVE I EVER LET YOU DOWN BEFORE? THIS WEEK, I MEAN.
AND ABOVE ALL, IT MUST REMAIN TOP SECRET!
ABSOLUTELY, YOUR ROYALNESS.
THIS SOUNDS LIKE NEWS!
PRESS
I'M ALL SET TO WRITE MY FIRST STORY ON YOUR SECRET MISSION. LET'S GO!
WHAT?
PRESS
WELL, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTER'S HANDBOOK...
REPORTER'S HANDBOOK? SINCE WHEN ARE YOU A REPORTER?
PRESS

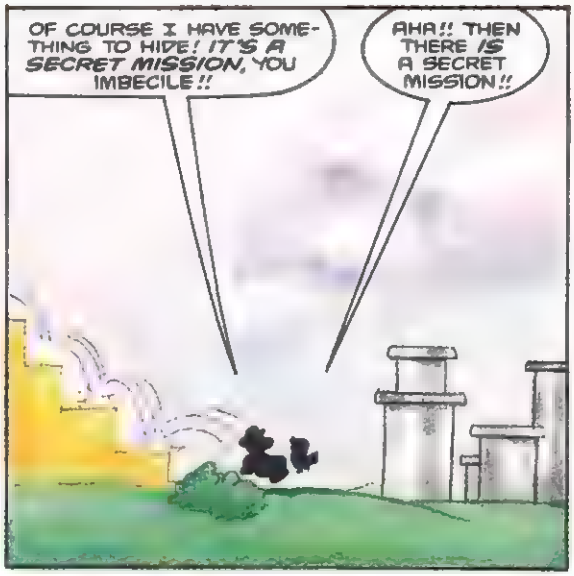
SINCE TWO O'CLOCK!
IT SAYS RIGHT HERE: "ALWAYS TURN TO YOUR TRUE FRIENDS TO GET THE STORY."
I THINK I HATE THAT BOOK.
PRESS

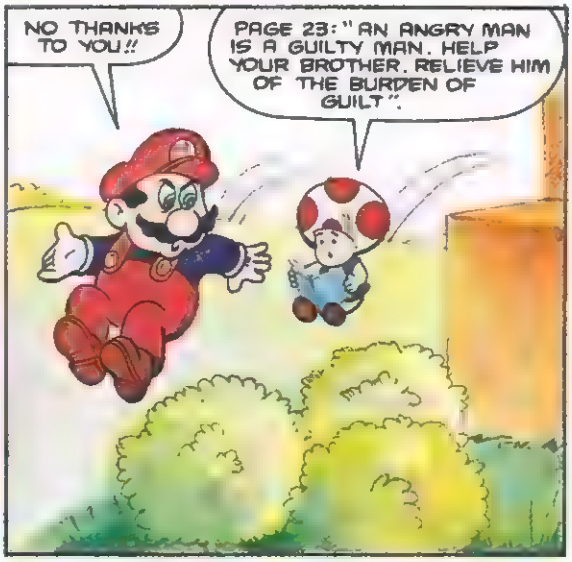
SOON...
NOW, DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP. NOTHING MUCH EVER HAPPENS ON WORLD 1-3.
"I FEARLESSLY WENT INTO THE VALLEY OF SUFFERING KNOWN AS WORLD 1-3."

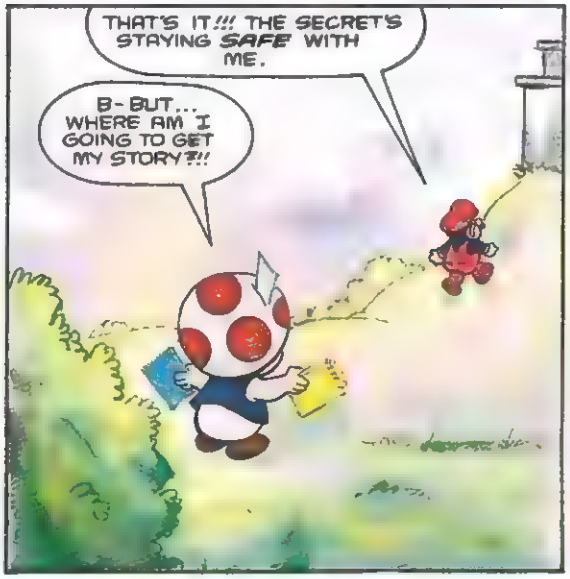

AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE HARSH ON WORLD 1-3?!
"CRAZED PLUMBER THREATENS ACE REPORTER"! SEZ HE: "FREE SPEECH IS FOR SAPS!"

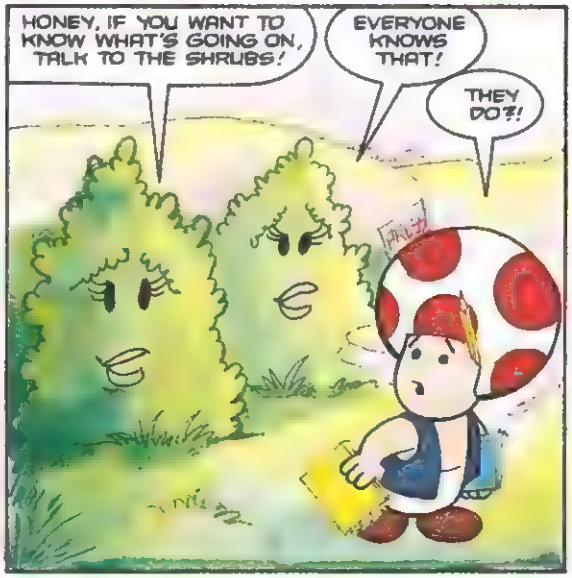

I'M NOT A CRAZED PLUMBER. KEEP IT UP, THOUGH. WE MIGHT WORK SOMETHING OUT.
I'M SORRY. I'M JUST EXCITED ABOUT THE SECRET MISSION.
SECRET MISSION?

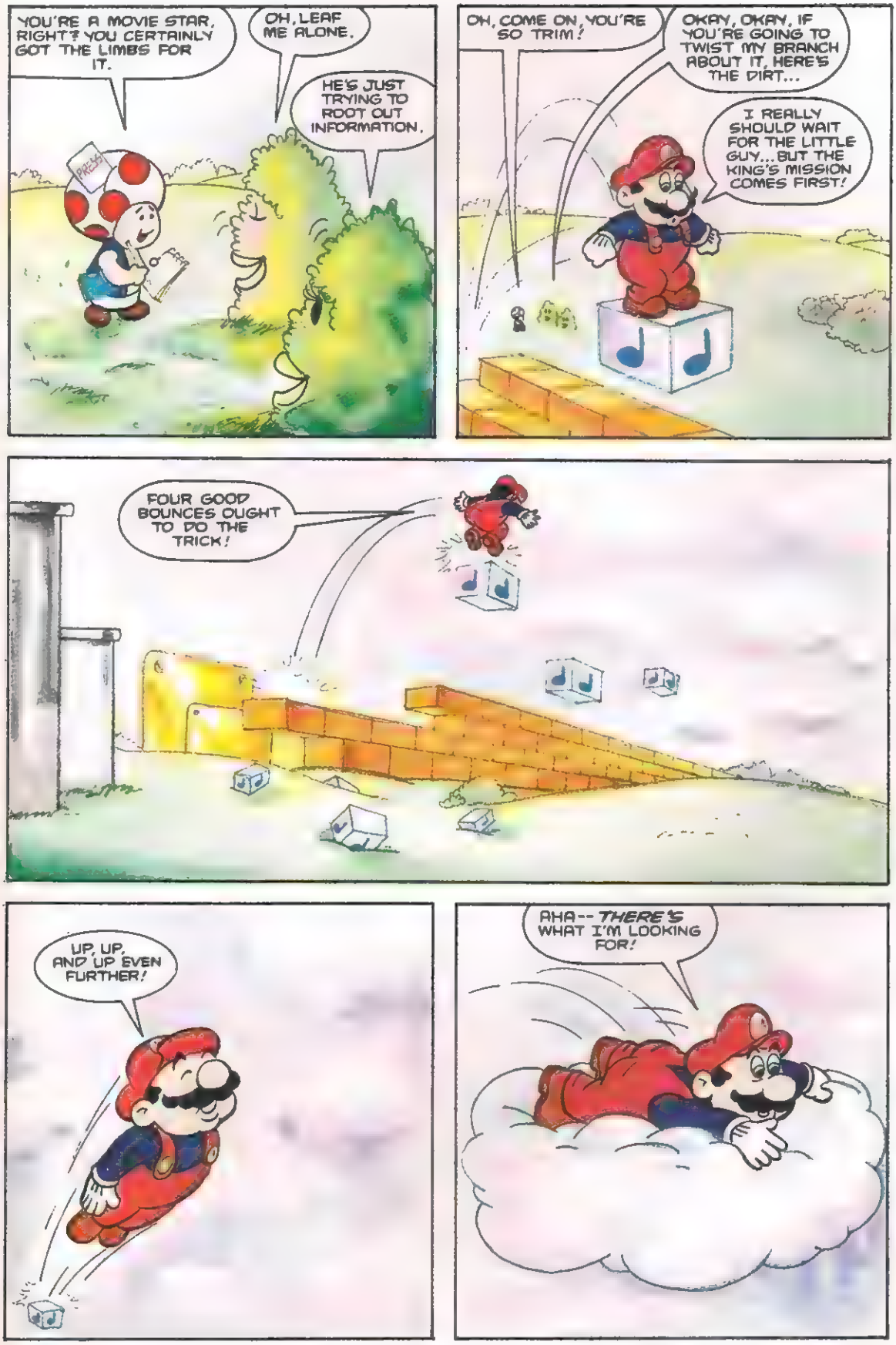

KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET MISSION.
ACCORDING TO THE HANDBOOK, "THE ONLY PEOPLE AFRAID TO TALK ARE THOSE WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE!"


OF COURSE I HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE! IT'S A SECRET MISSION, YOU IMBECILE!!
AHA!! THEN THERE IS A SECRET MISSION!!


NO THANKS TO YOU!!
PAGE 23: "AN ANGRY MAN IS A GUILTY MAN. HELP YOUR BROTHER. RELIEVE HIM OF THE BURDEN OF GUILT".


THAT'S IT!!! THE SECRET'S STAYING SAFE WITH ME.
B-BUT... WHERE AM I GOING TO GET MY STORY?!!


HONEY, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, TALK TO THE SHRUBS!
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT!
THEY DO?!


YOU'RE A MOVIE STAR, RIGHT? YOU CERTAINLY GOT THE LIMBS FOR IT.
OH, LEAF ME ALONE.
HE'S JUST TRYING TO ROOT OUT INFORMATION.
OH, COME ON, YOU'RE SO TRIM!
OKAY, OKAY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TWIST MY BRANCH ABOUT IT, HERE'S THE DIRT...
I REALLY SHOULD WAIT FOR THE LITTLE GUY... BUT THE KING'S MISSION COMES FIRST!
FOUR GOOD BOUNCES OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK!
UP, UP, AND UP EVEN FURTHER!
AHA-- THERE'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!

THESE LITTLE BEAUTIES OUGHT TO SOLVE THE KING'S CASH CRUNCH! I WISH HE'D LEARN TO BALANCE THE ROYAL BUDGET!
I CAN'T GET UP, UP AND FURTHER UP. THIS TRICK WORKED FOR MARIO, WHY ISN'T IT WORKING FOR ME?
?!
YIKES! WHAT DOES THE REPORTER'S HANDBOOK STYLE GUIDEBOOK SAY ON THIS SITUATION?!
"EVERYONE LOVES A REPORTER. SMILE BROADLY, SAY WHO YOU ARE, AND EVERYONE WILL FALL ALL OVER THEMSELVES TO TELL YOU THEIR SECRETS."
THEY'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
YOU'RE A REPORTER?
OH, BOY, HERE'S MY CHANCE TO BE FAMOUS!
NOT SO FAST. I NEED A STORY WITH HEART!
YOU MEAN LIKE THE TIME JASON, HERE, ATE THE COMPANY'S ENTIRE RATION OF SLUG BARS AND GOT SICK?!
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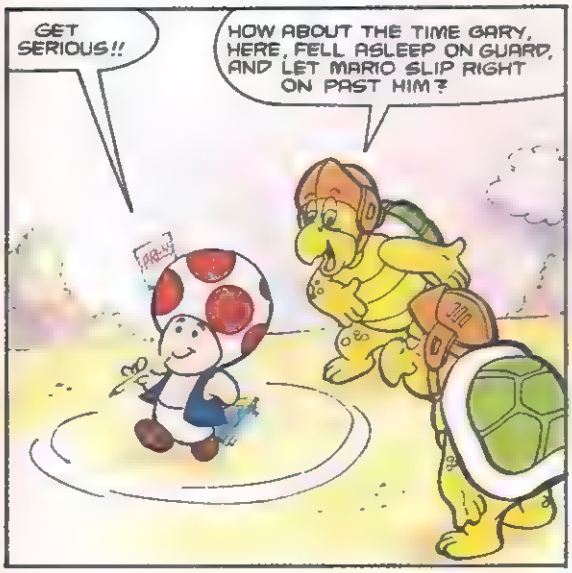
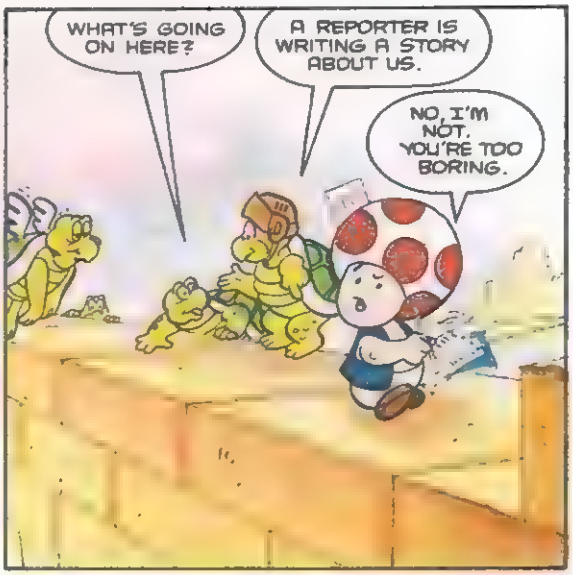
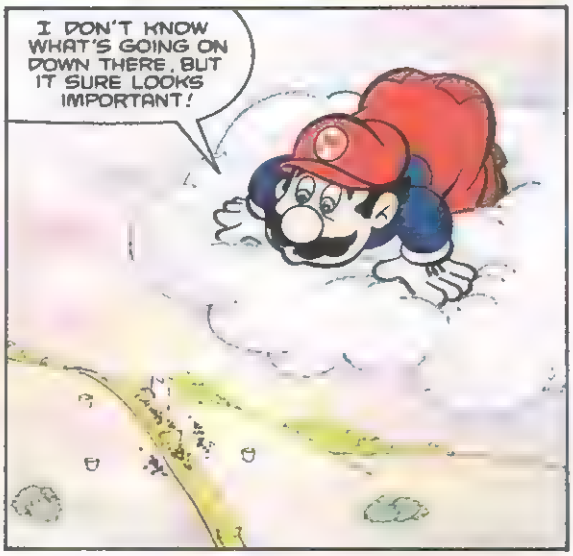
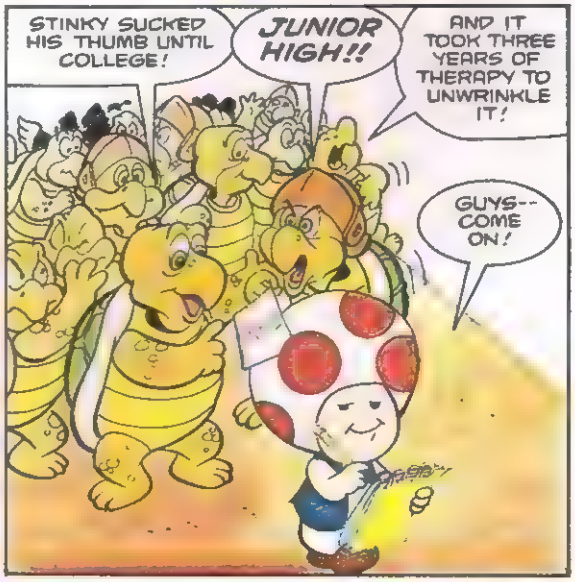
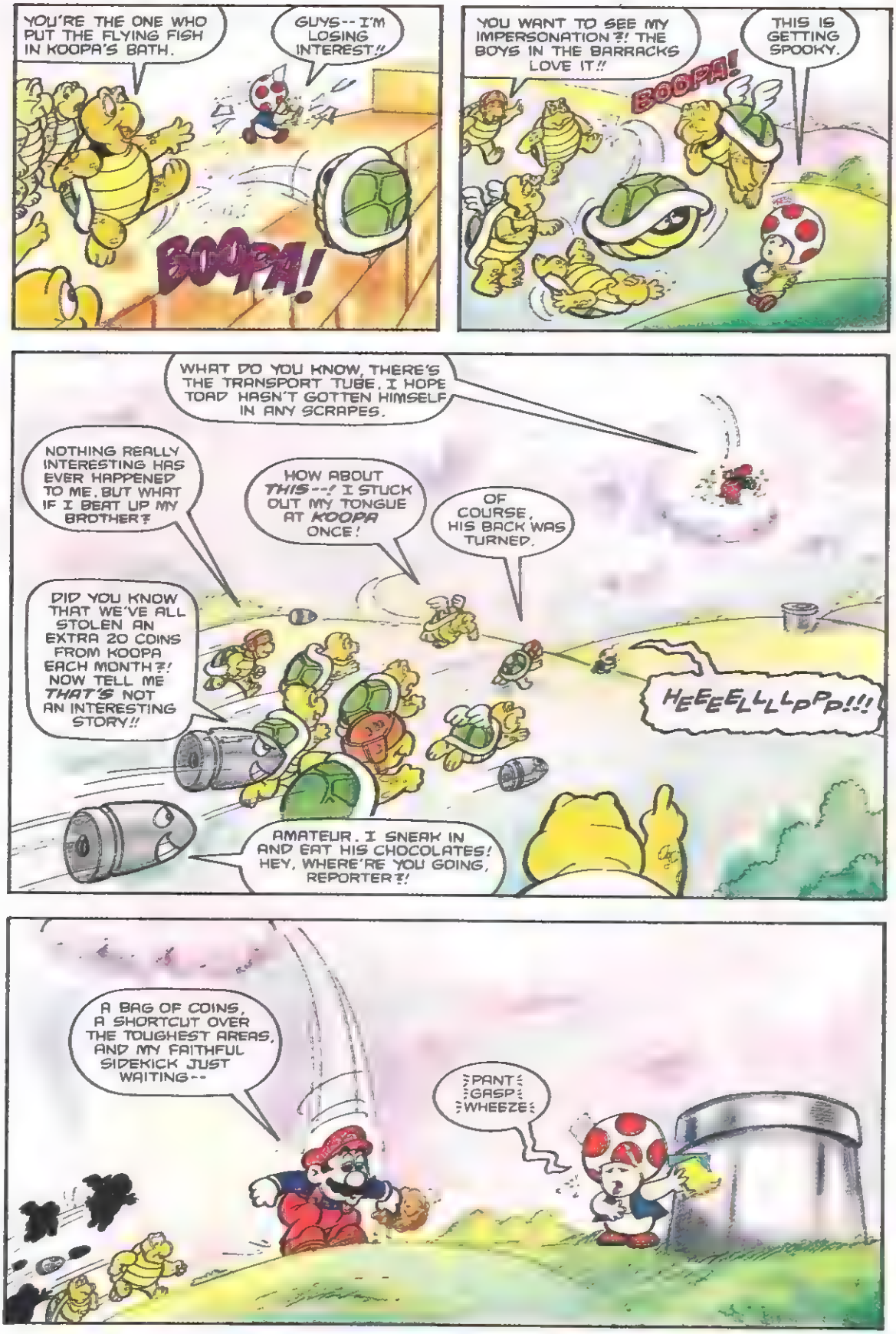

GET SERIOUS!!
HOW ABOUT THE TIME GARY, HERE, FELL ASLEEP ON GUARD, AND LET MARIO SLIP RIGHT ON PAST HIM?

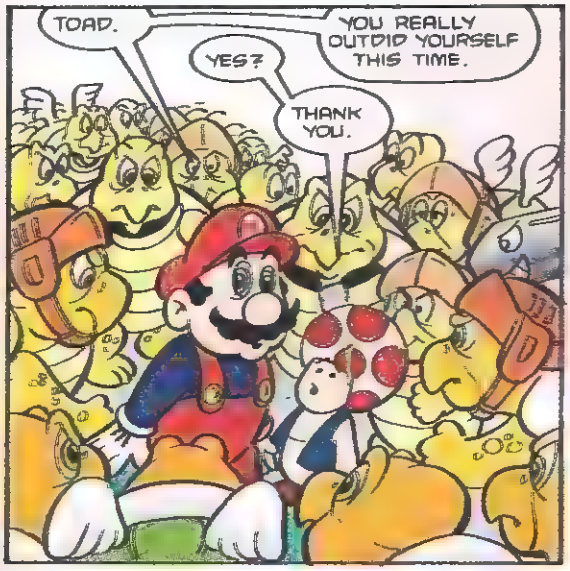

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
A REPORTER IS WRITING A STORY ABOUT US.
NO, I'M NOT. YOU'RE TOO BORING.

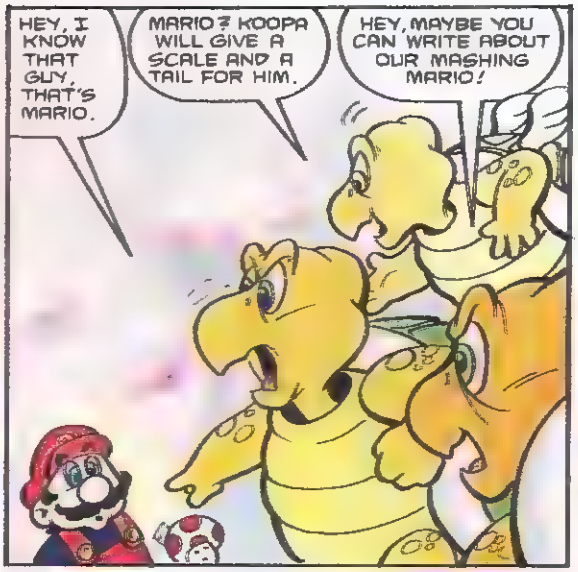
"STINKY" HERE READ A MAP UPSIDE DOWN AND GOT 1,000 TROOPAS LOST FOR A WEEK. YOU CALL *THAT* BORING?
WE WERE ONLY LOST FOR FIVE DAYS, SIX DAYS, TOPS.
WANT TO HEAR MY IMPERSONATION OF ELMO PERSHAK, THE WORLD'S GREATEST WHISTLER?


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE, BUT IT SURE LOOKS IMPORTANT!

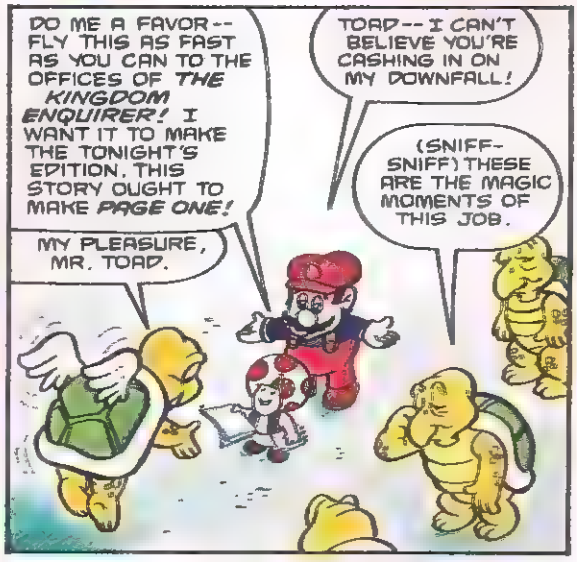

STINKY SUCKED HIS THUMB UNTIL COLLEGE!
JUNIOR HIGH!!
AND IT TOOK THREE YEARS OF THERAPY TO UNWRINKLE IT!
GUYS-- COME ON!

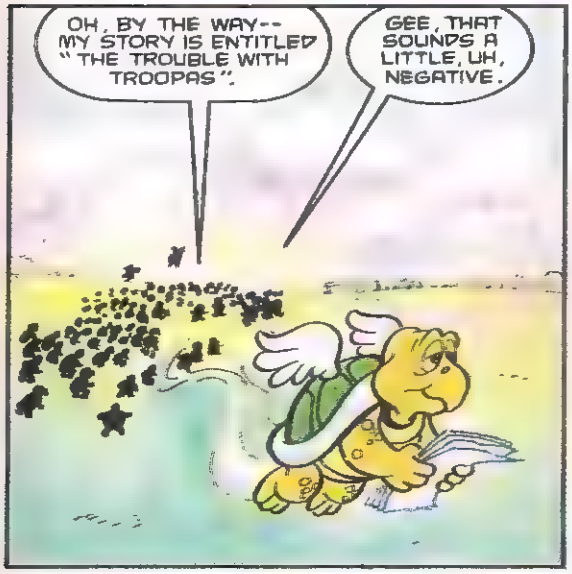

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PUT THE FLYING FISH IN KOOPA'S BATH.
GUYS-- I'M LOSING INTEREST!!
BOOPA!
YOU WANT TO SEE MY IMPERSONATION?! THE BOYS IN THE BARRACKS LOVE IT!!
BOOPA!
THIS IS GETTING SPOOKY.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, THERE'S THE TRANSPORT TUBE. I HOPE TOAD HASN'T GOTTEN HIMSELF IN ANY SCRAPES.
NOTHING REALLY INTERESTING HAS EVER HAPPENED TO ME. BUT WHAT IF I BEAT UP MY BROTHER?
HOW ABOUT THIS--! I STUCK OUT MY TONGUE AT KOOPA ONCE!
OF COURSE, HIS BACK WAS TURNED.
DID YOU KNOW THAT WE'VE ALL STOLEN AN EXTRA 20 COINS FROM KOOPA EACH MONTH?! NOW TELL ME THAT'S NOT AN INTERESTING STORY!!
HEEEELLLPP!!!
AMATEUR. I SNEAK IN AND EAT HIS CHOCOLATES! HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOING, REPORTER?!
A BAG OF COINS, A SHORTCUT OVER THE TOUGHEST AREAS, AND MY FAITHFUL SIDEKICK JUST WAITING--
PANT GASP WHEEZE


TOAD.
YES?
YOU REALLY OUTDID YOURSELF THIS TIME.
THANK YOU.

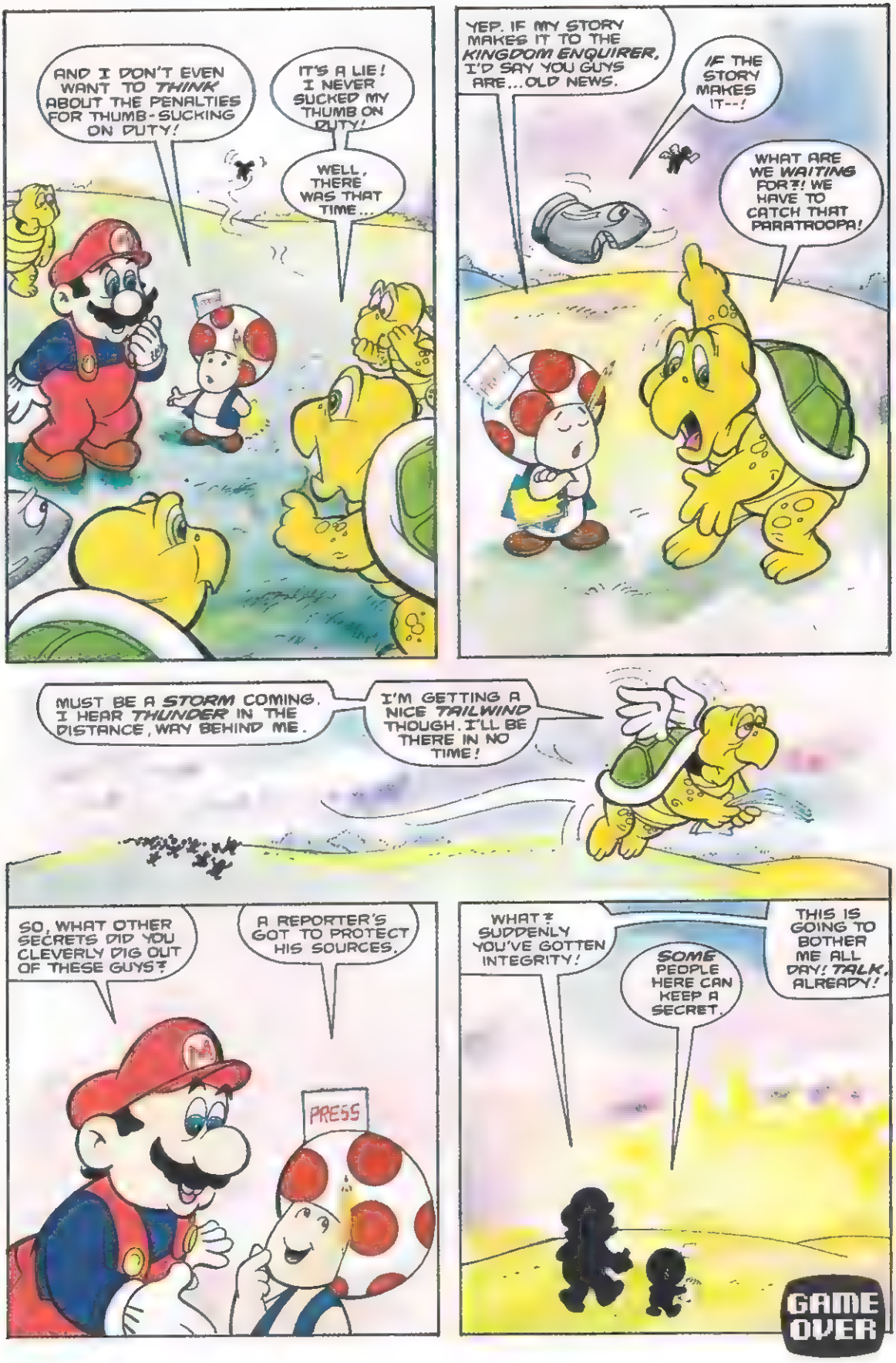

HEY, I KNOW THAT GUY, THAT'S MARIO.
MARIO? KOOPA WILL GIVE A SCALE AND A TAIL FOR HIM.
HEY, MAYBE YOU CAN WRITE ABOUT OUR MASHING MARIO!

WRITE ABOUT IT?! I'VE ALREADY *FINISHED* THE STORY!!
NOT ONLY ARE WE GOING TO GET MARIO, WE'RE GOING TO BE FAMOUS!!
PRESS


DO ME A FAVOR -- FLY THIS AS FAST AS YOU CAN TO THE OFFICES OF *THE KINGDOM ENQUIRER!* I WANT IT TO MAKE THE TONIGHT'S EDITION. THIS STORY OUGHT TO MAKE *PAGE ONE!*
TOAD -- I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE CASHING IN ON MY DOWNFALL!
(SNIFF-SNIFF) THESE ARE THE MAGIC MOMENTS OF THIS JOB.
MY PLEASURE, MR. TOAD.


OH, BY THE WAY -- MY STORY IS ENTITLED " THE TROUBLE WITH TROOPAS ".
GEE, THAT SOUNDS A LITTLE, UH, NEGATIVE.

ALL YOU GUYS TALKED ABOUT WAS THE TRICKS YOU'VE PULLED ON KOOPA. WHAT ELSE CAN I WRITE ABOUT?
I WONDER WHAT KOOPA WILL DO WHEN HE READS ABOUT YOU STEALING HIS CHOCOLATES?
PRESS


AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT THE PENALTIES FOR THUMB-SUCKING ON DUTY!
IT'S A LIE! I NEVER SUCKED MY THUMB ON DUTY!
WELL, THERE WAS THAT TIME...
YEP. IF MY STORY MAKES IT TO THE KINGDOM ENQUIRER, I'D SAY YOU GUYS ARE... OLD NEWS.
IF THE STORY MAKES IT--!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?! WE HAVE TO CATCH THAT PARATROOPA!
MUST BE A STORM COMING. I HEAR THUNDER IN THE DISTANCE, WAY BEHIND ME.
I'M GETTING A NICE TAILWIND THOUGH. I'LL BE THERE IN NO TIME!
SO, WHAT OTHER SECRETS DID YOU CLEVERLY DIG OUT OF THESE GUYS?
A REPORTER'S GOT TO PROTECT HIS SOURCES.
PRESS
WHAT? SUDDENLY YOU'VE GOTTEN INTEGRITY!
SOME PEOPLE HERE CAN KEEP A SECRET.
THIS IS GOING TO BOTHER ME ALL DAY! TALK, ALREADY!
GAME OVER

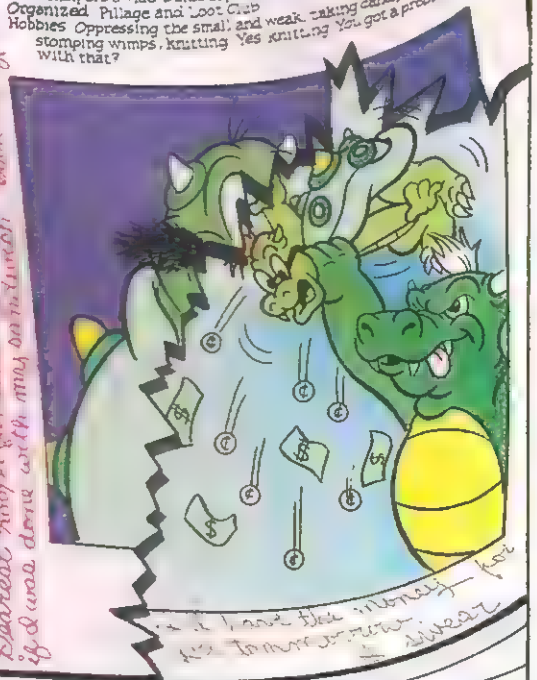
By Bill Vallely, Mark McClellan, Kelly Jarvis, Rich Maurizio, Ken Lopez, Karen Merbaum

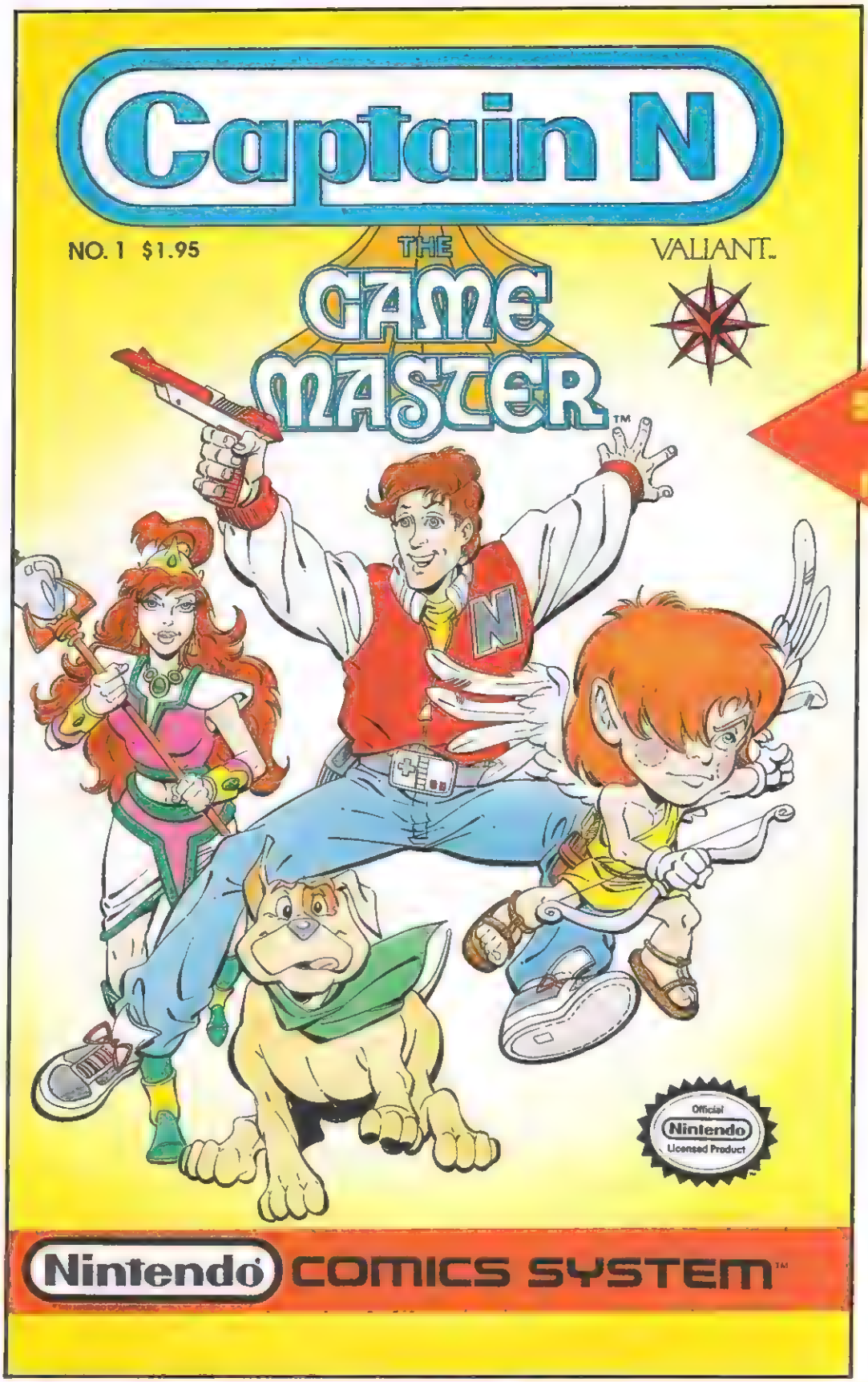
KOOPA'S HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Dreams for the future: To have one
Student Activities: Future victims of Mushroomland. First Aid
Club. Fleeing Team
Organized: First Annual Whine off and Cowering Contest
Hobbies: Denial, hiding and crying for hours

Dreams for the future: To own everything and boss everybody around
Student Activities: Detention, disciplinary suspension, Visits to Principal's office, Dunce Cap, National Dishonor Society
Organized: Pillage and Loot Club
Hobbies: Oppressing the small and weak, taking candy from babies, stomping wimps, knitting. Yes knitting. You got a problem with that?

Dreams for the future: To make a very special Lizard happy for the rest of his days.
Student Activities: Future Wives of Tyrants Club, Up with Lizards Society, Home Ecch
Organized: Koopa Fan Club (Membership: 1)
Hobbies: Sighing, Eyelash batting, Beating Lizard Traps

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Mark Philips
Johnson City, TN

Dear Mark:

Mushrooms take themselves far too seriously to allow themselves to be used as footstools. Now, toadstools—that's something else.

Dear Mario Friends,

I thought no one could make a good Mario comic, until now! Your Super Mario Bros. #1 was great with awesome stories and art. It was also great of you to mix the story with the Super Mario Bros. 3 plot. So, keep up the great work!

Ryan McLelland
Ewing, NJ

Dear Ryan:

Thanks, from the bottom of our art.

Dear Super Mario Bros. writers,

I have just finished reading the first issue of the new Super Mario Bros. Magazine. I enjoyed the first issue very much. I am a big Mario fan and have all three of the Super Mario games. I have beaten Super Mario Bros. One and Two and am almost done with Three, even though it is a brand new game. I would like to offer to you tips that I have discovered on the Mario games so you may share them with your readers.

Matthew Lebovic
Commack, NY

Dear Matthew:

Okay! Send us your best game-playing tips and we'll see if we can work them into our stories! And, if any of you other game-playing whizzes have any helpful hints you want to share, send them along!

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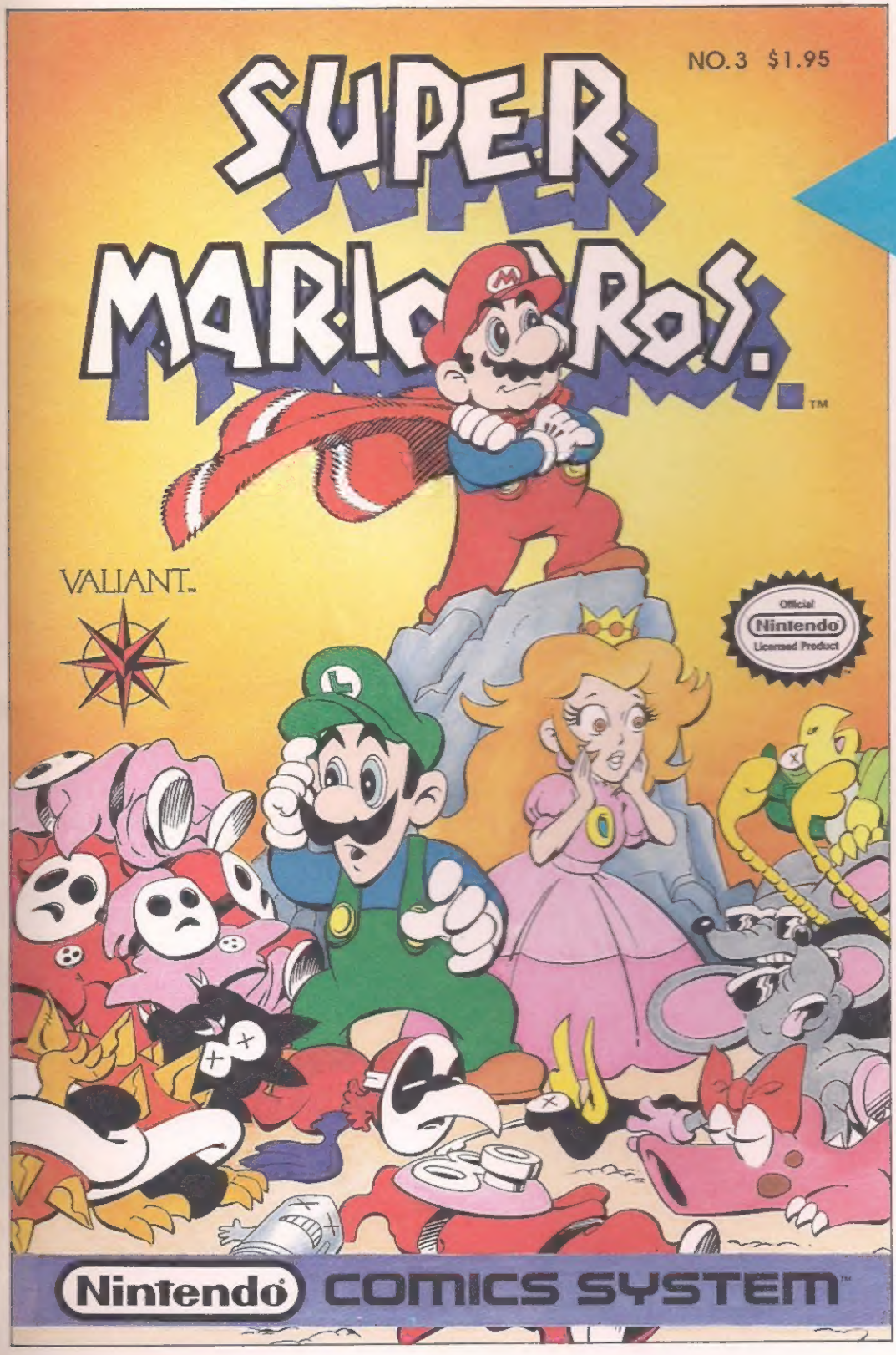

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